Acrobatics to Squeeze Aerosols and Their
Direct Forcing from the CERES CRS Product

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Essential starting points:

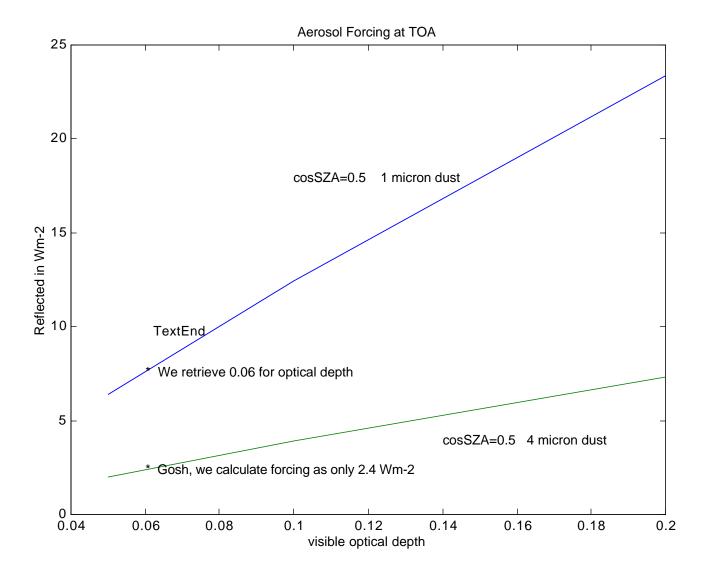
Clear sky screen (Minnis Cloud WG)

"VIRS200+" TOA SW fluxes (Loeb ADM WG)

VIRS aerosol optical thickness AOT (Stowe-Ignatov)

Fu-Liou code

Collins-Rasch assimilation



SARB output for clear-sky footprint on CRS includes:

Pu = pristeen flux, untuned (Fu-Liou calculation with no aerosols)

Cu = clear flux, untuned (Fu-Liou with aerosol)

Ct = clear flux, tuned (constrained Fu-Liou)

Co = clear flux observed by CERES

AOTu = input aerosol optical thickness (Collins-Rasch or Stowe-Ignatov)

AOTt = tuned AT from constrainment

Three estimates of direct forcing at TOA:

F1 = Cu-Pu a raw calculation

F2 = Ct-Pu constrained estimate

F3 = Co-Pu another estimate (okay if the ocean optics are good)

AOTo = "observed" AOT that fits CERES, Fu-Liou, and assumed optical properties

AOTO = (CO-Pu)/(dTOA/dAOT) = (CO-Pu)/[(Cu-Pu)/AOTu]

Results for 1 May 2001 with "VIRS200+" ADM module

Pu = pristeen flux, untuned

Cu = clear flux, untuned with aerosol

Ct = clear flux, tuned

Co = clear flux observed by CERES

AOTu = input aerosol optical thickness (some Collins, some Stowe)

AOTt = tuned AOT from constrainment

Forcings for clear footprints with NO FORWARD SCATTERING:

mean	insolation weighted	type of forcing	
8.14 Wm-2	7.81 Wm-2	F1 = Cu-Pu	a raw calculation
6.38 Wm-2	5.50 Wm-2	F2 = Ct-Pu	constrained estimate
7.14 Wm-2	5.29 Wm-2	F3 = Co-Pu	another estimate

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